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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PROVIDE HIDDEN NODE PROTECTION

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified patent application under 37 CFR 1.114 and in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the November 1, 2006 Office Action is due February 1, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.